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Keeping Families Together

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OK, it is picnic time again!

Our regular monthly meeting this month will be a picnic in City Park across from 110 Calla. Pack your lunch just like you were going on a picnic and show up about noonish. Then we will throw it all on the table and eat someone else's food. Be sure to bring something to drink and your own table service.

CALENDAR

August 8, 1999	Picnic in the park! See above.
September 5, 1999	PA2 monthly meeting. Call 564-4004 for full particulars.
September 12, 1999	Pueblo Aids Walk. 8:30 am at the Nature Center. If you haven't picked up your pledge sheets yet, give PA2 a call.

Loulous's Little Gossip Corner is going on a temporary hiatus. We will instead be producing something like ***Letters to the Editor***. Now there is a reason for all of this. I recently had a chance to visit with one of our members who was going to "take over PFLAG" because we had the most boring newsletter in the world, but when he found that the only ones that could stay awake past 8:30 were night blind, he decided to start his own group since there were already too many groups here as it was. Right? So I thought it would be kind of fun to just ask you to drop me a line and let me publish a few of your opinions. If you don't want to write, call and leave a message on my machine. I promise to publish these verbatim. My number is 546-1555 and my name is Lou.

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The 1999 Pueblo Pride Banquet will be held on Tuesday, October 12 at the Mozart Lounge. Tickets are very limited on this so be ready to pounce as soon as they go on sale. Get in line right behind me and mine.

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I grew up in Nickerson, Kansas, which sported a total population of 1100 people of which we were a lot of them. After my 15th birthday we moved to the big city of Hutchinson. When I was 19 years old I met and married Earl Seeger and began my own little population explosion. By our 5th anniversary we had 3 daughters and one son. I took a brief respite and produced a fourth daughter. By our seventh anniversary we were divorced. And on to husband number 2.

Before I found out his middle name we were divorced and I chose husband #3. It was with him that I moved to Pueblo and started in the construction business. We started our own company in 1977 and then, guess what! We were divorced and I picked #4 only to find that I needed bifocals and I had great need of marriageaholics. After a stint in that I met and married the fabulous Kenneth A Mercer on December 23, 1983.

We immediately bought the house we are living in now and our family has expanded considerably. I have one stepson, 3step daughters, one son and 4 daughters. We have between us a total of 21 grandkids. We also have an old tom cat, a dingo, and a poodle. We own a trucking business, a quilting business, a woodworking shop and enjoy life immensely.

I volunteer at SCAP and work for Argus Home Health where I have 2 clients. I like to garden, sew, crochet and just piddle around. I am proud to be a PFLAG parent and wish there were a lot more of us! Gay people are some of my favorite people.

Lou Mercer

Well, another boring newsletter put to rest! Have fun at the fair and I hope to see lots of you at the picnic Sunday!!

Love,
Lou